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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.) YO

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT STATEMENT

REF : BELGRADE 3959

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH EMBASSY
HAS ACCEPTED AD REFERENDUM FOR THE SECRETARY'S APPROVAL:

2. QUOTE: AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA JOSIP BROZ TITO,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R.
FORD, AND MRS. FORD PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE,
YUGOSLAVIA, ON AUGUST 3 AND 4, 1975.

3. CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS
AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES, PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD HELD CORDIAL, OPEN
AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WERE
(NOTE: YUGOSLAVS EXPECT TO GIVE US
LIST OF THEIR PARTICIPANTS MORNING OF AUGUST 3.)

4. THE REITERATED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WHICH THE
GOVERNMENTS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
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AMERICA ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY

BY THE PREACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND BY ADHERENCE
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND
FULLY EQUALITY OF SOVEREIGN STATES, REGARDLESS OF
DIFFERENCES OF SIMILARITIES IN THEIR SOCIAL, POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT
AND PRINCIPLES OF THE THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

5. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR A
THOROUGH REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH CONTINUE TO
DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD
CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE JOINT
STATEMENT, ISSUED IN WASHINGTON IN OBCTOBER 1971, REPRESENT
THE CONTINUING BASIS FOR RELATIONS AND COOPERATIONS BETWEEN
YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN CONVER-
SATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT TITO FURTHER
NOTED THAT ADDITIONAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN
COOPERATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AREA AND AGREED THAT POSSI-
BILITIES EXIST FOR FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF
ECONOMIC COOPERATION. CONCRETE WAYS ACHIEVE EXPANSION
IN THIS FIELD WERE DISCUSSED.

6. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION TO EXCHANGES IN THE SPHERE OF SOCIAL AND
PHYSICAL SCIENCES, EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ETC.,
TO THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT AND
AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP SUCH EXCHANGES.

7. PRESIDENT FORD GREETED THE READINESS OF THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNAMENT TO CONITIBUTE TO THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH
VARIOUS CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS.

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8. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE DEEP HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND ESPECIALLY THE PART WHICH AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN HAVE LONG PLAYED IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND FORMER HOMELANDS AND AGREED THAT THESE TIES SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL, WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND TO IMPROVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS AMONG STATES AND PEOPLES.

10. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD EMPHASIZED THAT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. REVIEWING THE URGENT PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THEY AGREED ON THE NEED TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS ON

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THE BASIS OF IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS AND RESPECT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

1. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MEDITERRANEAN, CYPRUS AND THE QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT.

12. PRESIDENT TITO PARTICULARLY PRESENTED VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT IN TODAY'S WORLD. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF UNITED STATES POLICIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. PRESIDENT FORD SET FORTH UNITED STATES POSITIONS ON THESE AND OTHER MATTERS AS WELL AS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE YUGOSLAV POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

13. PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE STEADFAST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND NONALIGNED POSITION OF YUGOSLAVIA.

14. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THIS OCCASION REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODIC CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

15. THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THIS JOINT STATEMENT ARE THE FOUNDATION OF UNITED STATES-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY CONSTITUTE THE FIRM BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE.

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